

Senate Resolution 442

By: Senator Hamrick of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Horton's Books and Gifts on the occasion of its 115th
2 anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in March of 1892, Nathan A. Horton opened a small bookshop in part of a
4 furniture store located on the northeast quarter of the public square in Carrollton, Georgia;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the next year, finding that he needed more space, Mr. Horton moved the store
7 to a small building next door; and

8 WHEREAS, through the years Horton's has provided textbooks for students of the Carrollton
9 city schools, as well as stationery, school supplies, pictures and frames, china, Peerless
10 organs and pianos, and coffins and caskets; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Horton was also a subscription agent and news dealer; and

12 WHEREAS, the business later moved to the building previously occupied by the First
13 National Bank in Carrollton, where the business continued to thrive until Mr. Horton's death
14 in 1916; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Horton's son, Hewling "Hap" S. Horton took over the business, which he
16 operated until 1969; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1968, Doris Shadrix, a long-time employee, became a partner and upon Hap's
18 death, became sole owner of Horton's; and

19 WHEREAS, after a 42-year association with Horton's as an employee and owner, Ms.
20 Shadrix sold the business to Larry G. Johnson and in 1997, Mr. Johnson sold the business
21 to the current owner, Dorothy E. Pittman; and

1 WHEREAS, the store embodies generations of stories of book purchases, cherished
2 childhood memories of special books, and those more somber casket transactions; and

3 WHEREAS, old bookstores are some of the most wonderful places on Earth, consequently
4 it is most fitting this body recognizes Horton's Books and Gifts as Georgia's oldest bookstore
5 and the oldest business in the City of Carrollton.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
7 congratulate Horton's Books and Gifts on its 115th anniversary.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
9 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dorothy E. Pittman.